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## **Join in the Spirit of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service – *Volunteer!***

Monday, January 15, 2007, marks the National Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service. On that day, DOE employees are encouraged to engage in community service, making the day “A Day ON, Not a Day OFF”.

In 1994, Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act, designating the King Holiday as a national day of community service. Instead of a day off from work or school, Congress wanted Americans to honor Dr. King's memory by becoming involved in projects that bring people from different backgrounds together to serve their communities.

Participation in the King Day of Service has grown steadily over the past decade, with hundreds of thousands of Americans each year engaging in projects such as painting schools or senior centers, delivering meals, building homes, and reflecting on Dr. King's life and teachings. Dr. King's widow, Coretta Scott King, said that “the greatest birthday gift my husband could receive is if people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds celebrated the holiday by performing individual acts of kindness through service to others.”

On January 15, 2007, as we celebrate the 21st anniversary of the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal holiday, hundreds of thousands of Americans across the country will remember and memorialize Dr. King by participating in service projects in their communities. Together, they will honor Dr. King's legacy of tolerance, peace, and equality by meeting the needs of their communities. We hope you can join them.